

THE DAILY TELEGRAM.

MORE SHIPS SUNK BY THE JAPANESE

Russian Battleship and Torpedo Boat Destroyer Both Sunk in Wednesday's Fight at Port Arthur and the Crews Lost--Another Battleship Struck a Mine but was Able to Return to Harbor Without Loss of Life.

JAPS HAD NO LOSSES EXCEPT ONE WOUNDED

Rulers of France, Germany and Italy Telegraph Condolences to Russian Emperor Over Loss of Big Battleship which is Regarded as an Accident.

By Associated Press.

Tokio, April 14--A brief report from Rear Admiral Uriu of Wednesday's fighting at Port Arthur, was received today by the navy department here. It said that Togo's fleet made an attack on Port Arthur in the morning, sunk a battleship of the Petropavlovsk class and one torpedo boat destroyer. The Japanese sustained no losses except one wounded.

The Petropavlovsk was a first-class battleship of 10,930 tons displacement, and had an indicated horse power of 14,213. She was 367 1/2 feet in length, with a beam of 69 feet and an armament of four 12-inch, twelve 6-inch, thirty-four smaller guns and six torpedo tubes. She was completed in 1898. She was one of the finest fighting machines of the Russian navy. She carried 700 souls, all of whom were lost.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, April 14--It is officially announced here to-day that the torpedo boat destroyer, Bezshiani, was sunk by the Japanese and the crew lost at Port Arthur yesterday. The battleship Poladina accidentally struck a mine while maneuvering, but was able to return to the harbor without loss of life.

By Associated Press.

Paris, April 14--Condolences have been telegraphed Emperor Nicholas by President Loubet, the same as by Emperor William and the King of Italy. These are taken to mean the powers regard the loss of the Petropavlovsk as caused by accident because if the loss was by battle questions of neutrality would be raised.

By Associated Press.

Cheer Foo, April 14--Japanese reports say the Petropavlovsk struck a mine last yesterday morning by Japanese torpedo boats.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, April 14--In naval circles here it is suggested that the Petropavlovsk was lost by an internal explosion. The bodies recovered are fearfully burned. Makaron's whole naval staff was with him. Grand Duke Cyril's condition is reported alarming.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, April 14--Forty-five officers and men perished on the Bezshiani.

AGENT ARRESTED

On the Charge of Selling Nursery Stock Without the Proper License--Bruce Southern Swears Out Warrant.

At the instance of B. T. Southern, a member of the Elkview nursery firm, a warrant was sworn out before Squire John T. Flynn, J. Heckman, a fruit tree agent, was arrested Wednesday night at the Lanham livery stable here and taken before the magistrate. He was released on his own recognizance to appear at four o'clock Thursday afternoon before Squire S. W. Gordon for a hearing. The warrant charges him with selling nursery stock without a State license.

Dr. Ray McDonald is home from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Charles Lucas is here to-day from Shinnston.

DISMISSED WARRANT

Against the Agents of Chiefton Coal Company, Near Wilsonburg, Evidence Being Insufficient.

Squire James N. Davis after devoting most of the afternoon Wednesday to the case preferred by G. L. Hurst against Charles Bonnell, Edmond Pittro, C. J. Warnick and William Keener, all of Wilsonburg, charging them with unlawfully defacing and attempting to destroy a house that he claimed and which was recently vacated by William Hurst, decided the parties were not guilty and dismissed the warrant against them. They as agents for the Chiefton Coal Company moved a tenant into the house and Hurst interfered, claiming that he had rights to the property. There was trouble and the outcome was the warrant by Hurst. It was shown that Hurst had no such rights as warranted him in trying to prevent the coal company from using the house, the latter having had possession of it for some time.

PHYSICAL CULTURE FOR LADIES

Will Be Conducted in Conjunction With the Work of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Ever since it was announced that the Y. M. C. A. had decided to secure other quarters where it would be possible to have gymnasium privileges, there has been a growing interest in the question of physical culture for women, and this fact has led a number of ladies to take steps towards forming a class.

Mrs. Lucie Mears-Norris, wife of the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who has had training under the best instructors in Boston, Mass., and who has also had twelve years' experience in teaching physical culture to women, will be the teacher and arrangements have been made for the holding of a preliminary meeting in the assembly hall of the Waldo hotel, Saturday, April 16, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at which time Mrs. Norris will give a talk on physical culture and will be pleased to answer all inquiries regarding the proposed classes.

All ladies who are interested in this subject are cordially invited to this meeting.

BIG BEQUEST TO WITTENBURG COLLEGE

By Associated Press.
Springfield, O., April 14--The will of the late Rev. Charles Stroud, filed for probate to-day, bequeathed the entire estate, valued at \$300,000 to Wittenburg College.

BEGINS HANDSOME RESIDENCE.

C. P. Howell, contractor, started to break ground Thursday afternoon for a handsome residence on Depot street for Charles A. Rouse, the plans and specifications were drawn by E. J. Wood, the well known architect.

GRAND ANNUAL BALL

BY THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL OF CLARKSBURG IN CASINO GRATIFYINGLY SUCCESSFUL.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PREVENTED LARGE ATTENDANCE THAT WAS EXPECTED BUT MANY BRAVED THE STORM.

Program Carried Out in Clever and Efficient Manner and Event Was Thoroughly Enjoyable To All the Guests.

The first annual ball by the Trades and Labor Council was given in the casino at the Union Land park Wednesday night from eight o'clock until one o'clock. Considering the weather, which was a perfect blizzard it was a success from point of number in attendance, there being at least 150 people who braved the storm and participated in the program.

George N. Kollman as master of ceremonies, states that it was a big success from the viewpoint of finance, tickets having been sold in advance to an amount that cleared the council over \$300. He and the members of the council generally are much gratified over the patronage and are grateful to the many who contributed to the success of the affair.

The committees having the ball in charge were as follows:
Arrangements--William Barth, C. P. Dallas and B. W. Reynolds.
Reception--M. J. Pailbin, John D. Primm, A. H. Garrett, Daniel Henry, Frank Peck, William Conklin, W. J. Barth and G. C. Worstall.

Floor--D. W. Foltz, G. C. Worstall, Thomas Hannon, C. P. Dallas, J. W. Long and William McGowan.

The various committees discharged their duties with efficiency and showed much interest in the success of the event. Everything possible had been arranged.

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MAN FOUND DEAD IN ANN MOORE'S RUN

UNLUCKY NUMBER
IN POLICE COURT

Mayor Crile gave his attention to 13 plain drunks at the session of police court this morning. Three of them were able to help the city treasurer meet his bills, while the other ten were remanded to the city lock-up to serve time for their over-indulgence and to think over the hardships of the wayfaring men. Those who paid dug up from \$3 to \$5 each, according to the stage of their drunkenness.

FAIR DATES FIXED

Next Exposition of West Virginia Central Agricultural and Mechanical Society Will Occur Last Week in August

A meeting of the directors of the West Virginia Central Agricultural and Mechanical Society was held Thursday morning which was largely attended and which proved quite enthusiastic. The object of the meeting was to fix the dates for the next annual exposition, which will be the thirty-eighth fair of the society. Four days were determined upon and the dates were fixed for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 29, 30 and 31 and September 1. Some other matters of a routine nature were also looked after, the society will now go to work to make the coming exposition the greatest in the history of the city and county.

Col. M. J. Francis, of Wilsonburg, was in the city Wednesday night.

Dr. George M. Holt has returned from Webster Springs, where he has been some time practicing his profession of dentistry.

John Byrne, Railroad Employee at Camp No. 11, Falls From a Railroad Trestle in the Industrial Addition and is Drowned in Shallow Water.

Body Lay With Face Downward and Under Water, Back of Head Only Being Above Water--Magistrate Investigates Circumstances and Conclusion is He Tried to Make His Way Over the Bridge by Passing Two Gondolas and Lost His Hold.

Lewis Cook, assistant foreman of camp No. 11, of Baltimore & Ohio construction hands, made a startling discovery about 6:30 o'clock Thursday morning, the result of noticing two bodies on the bank of Elk creek looking steadily at something in the Clarksburg Industrial Company's addition. He concluded they saw something unusual and he looked in that direction also to find a man lying on the bank of Ann Moore's run with the back of his head above water. The sight unnerved him but he made his way as soon as possible to the fellow, picked him up and carried him to level ground, where he laid him down. He notified some of his men and John Day, the foreman. Two of the employees were placed in charge of the body and Cook came to the city for the coroner. The latter was not located and Justice Riley went to the scene made a casual examination of the body and the circumstances surrounding the man's death and then ordered the removal of the body to the city. It was taken to the undertaking establishment of ne Bogness undertaking company.

The man was known as John Byrne but where he came from or who he was none knew. Cook knew him by the name of Byrne, as did also Day, and they stated he came to work for them about four weeks ago, after having been examined and given a certificate by Dr. W. B. Rogers the railroad physician.

The unfortunate man is between five and six feet tall and had red hair and mustache. His age is between forty and forty-five years. He is of Irish nationality.

At an examination held by Magistrate Riley at the undertaking establishment at one o'clock in the afternoon Cook stated that he and Byrne were together near the Crescent saloon, in Glen Elk, at about eight o'clock the night before and they parted with the understanding that Byrne would go to a barber shop before returning to camp. Cook directed him to the shop, near James Boyle's store, on West Baltimore street. He was sober at the time, Cook said. He was not seen again by Cook until he found him dead.

Day told the magistrate that he had known Byrne only since he began work with him about four weeks ago; that he did not know where he came from but the supposition was that his home was in Pittsburgh; that he was with him in the city about 7:10 o'clock Wednesday night, having run across him at the passenger depot, where he was walking on the platform, when he happened to see Day and called to him. They had a short conversation and then parted. Byrne was sober at the time, says Day. That was the last time he saw him alive.

The supposition is that he took a street car as far out as it went, then proceeded to walk home, and in attempting to walk over the trestle across Ann Moore's run, he tumbled off. Two gondolas were standing on the trestle and he evidently tried to make his way alongside them and lost his hold. From the position of the body he fell on his head with his face in the water, and having been stunned by the fall as well as having his neck dislocated, he was not able to pull himself out of the water and as the result was drowned, although the water was very shallow at that point. His face was bruised some but not enough to indicate that there was violence of any sort.

The magistrate discovered a smashed whiskey bottle in one of his pockets and small whiskey fumes about the body. So, it is the belief that he had been drinking and may have been semiconscious, when the accident happened notwithstanding the declarations of Cook and Day, who left him perfectly sober.

The snow storm, which began shortly after eight o'clock and continued several hours, made the ties slippery and on that account he may have lost his footing and fallen. It is also reasonable to believe that he may have been blinded by the blizzard and lost his footing.

Dr. Rogers, who admitted him to the employ of the railroad company, was out of the city, and nothing has been learned of him from that source as yet. The trestle is at least twenty feet above the stream and the concussion itself was sufficient to cause death, although the flow of blood to the head shows that he smothered in the water.

An effort will be made by means of the medical examiners certificate of insurance to locate his people.

GRAFTON PRESBYTERY ORGANIZED

Rev. James H. Flanigan, of Grafton, Elected Moderator, and Rev. A. N. Buchanan, of Morgantown, Clerk--Constitution Adopted.

The Grafton Presbytery was organized Wednesday at Grafton and the delegates, Rev. W. M. Hudson and John Koblegard from the First Presbyterian church here, returned home Wednesday evening.

The presbytery was called to order at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening with Rev. James H. Flanigan of Grafton, as temporary moderator, and Rev. H. G. Stoetzer, of Fairmont, as temporary clerk. Rev. Flanigan was elected permanent moderator for one year and Rev. A. N. Buchanan, of Morgantown, was chosen as permanent clerk.

The opening sermon was by Rev. G. W. Pollock, of Buckhannon, and then they proceeded to organize under instruction by the Synod of Pennsylvania. The Presbytery adjourned until Wednesday morning and the day was devoted to the constitution of the Presbytery and the appointment of committees.

Rev. Charles Hefrill, of Mannington, reported a marked increase in the number of churches, and an addition on profession of faith of a little over ten per cent. of the membership the past year. Rev. George W. Pollock, of Buckhannon, and Prof. Thomas E. Hodges, of the State University at Morgantown, were elected commissioners to the joint assembly, which meets in Buffalo, N. Y., the second Tuesday in May.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at the regular fall meeting at Monongah. The new presbytery comprises all the churches in West Virginia, north of the boundary lines of the counties of Tyler, Ritchie, Gilmer, Braxton, Webster and Pocahontas excepting the churches that now belong to the Washington Presbytery.

MARRIED WALLACE COUPLE.

Rev. S. K. Arbutnot united in marriage at the Vannort boarding house here Thursday afternoon Mr. David Lee Maxwell and Miss Amanda Bell McIntire, both of Wallace. They left on the afternoon train for home, the wedding having occurred at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

STATE HEALTH BOARD ADJOURNS.

The meeting of the State Health Board here came to a close Thursday and most of the members departed for their respective homes. Sixty-three applicants took the examination. They will hear from their examinations as soon as the board can pass on them, which will be in a couple of weeks.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI BADLY BLOWN UP

By the Explosion of 2,000 Pounds of Powder and Thirty-one Sailors go into Eternity--Worst Naval Catastrophe Since Blowing Up of the Maine.

By Associated Press.

Pensacola, Florida, April 14--The United States battleship Missouri, was blown up here yesterday noon, while at target practice, by the explosion of powder in the after 12-inch turret.

Captain William S. Cowles, commanding, and twenty-nine men were instantly killed.

The Missouri was on the target range with the Texas and Brooklyn at practice, about noon, when a charge of powder in the twelve inch left hand gun ignited from gasses, exploded and dropped below, igniting four charges of powder in the handling room and all exploded. Only one man of the entire turret and handling crew survives.

But for the prompt and efficient action of Captain Cowles in flooding the handling room and magazine with water one of the magazines would have exploded and the ship would have been destroyed.

The names of the dead follow:

LOT SALE BIG SUCCESS

Nearly One Thousand People Attend Francis Lot Sale and Lots Sell Like Hot Cakes.

The lot sale in the Francis addition to Reynoldsville is in progress to-day and is a decided success. The inclement weather detained the opening of the sale until rather late in the forenoon but from the start there were from 600 to 800 people in attendance, among them were many ladies.

Tyson Harmer acted as auctioneer in the forenoon and the demand was so great that three auctioneers were put to work in the afternoon. Carriages conveyed the people from the end of the street car line to the ad-

Lieut. W. C. Davidson, Lieut. (Junior Grade) E. A. Weichert, Lieut. of Marines J. V. P. Gridley, Midshipmen W. E. T. Neumann and Thomas Ward, Jr.; Boat-swain's mate, first-class, J. K. Peterson; Seamen W. J. Bogard, O. N. Sonder, E. R. H. Allison; Ordinary seamen, C. Rice, C. J. Killen, C. H. Myer, J. Gedris, R. C. Folom, J. M. Cole, J. H. Starr, J. C. Nunn, C. H. M. Franks; Landsmen H. S. Cercharis, B. J. Milligan and J. M. Roach; Electricians, second-class, T. E. Rowlands; Gunner's mate, second class, A. Smith; Chief Gun Captain, T. F. Braun; Private Marine W. L. Shipman; Apprentices, second-class, J. C. Hardy and P. R. Castler; Coxswain J. R. Lexopoles.

The men who cannot live are J. T. Donnelly, Ordinary Seaman and O. B. Moe, Apprentice, second-class; J. E. Knight, Seaman; R. S. Starr, Seaman; F. C. Lamb.

Two more ordinary seamen died, one at mid-night and the other this morning.

One man of the turret crew is missing.

dition and every accommodation and comfort conceivable were afforded them by Col. M. J. Francis, owner of the addition. He had free lunch counters, lemonade, cigars and all other things to satisfy their hunger and the noon hour was one of much pleasure.

The lots sold as fast as the auctioneer and the crowd could come to them and the prices ranged from \$75 to \$175. All of the 128 lots in the addition will likely be sold before the close of the day.

The Clarksburg opera house band is furnishing the music for the occasion.

SELLS HEHEJRD CATTLE.

Auctioneer S. W. Gordon Thursday afternoon sold at public auction in Traderville seven Hereford bulls and heifers and one cow for F. E. Maxwell, of Delaware, Ohio. They brought from \$100 to \$175.

RESIGNS POSITION

At the Mountain State Transfer Company's Establishment to Accept Reymann Brewing Company Agency.

Jesse B. Carr, who has been with the Mountain State Transfer Company, has resigned his position there to become effective Saturday, but he will remain a director of the company and retain his interests in it. Mr. Carr has done much effective work for the company and its success is largely due to him. He will accept the management of the local agency of the Reymann Brewing Company, in which position he will doubtless prove valuable to the company. His successor at the transfer company establishment has not been appointed.